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SUBJ: PERMREPS DISCUSSION OF (A) US EMBARGO ON MILITARY AID FOR  
TURKEY AND (B) SUSPENSION OF US BASE OPERATIONS IN TURKEY

REF: -) STATE 204792 DTG 280026Z AUG 75.; B) USNATO 4368  
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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY TURKISH PERMREP, SYG LUNS HAS  
CALLED A PRIVATE MEETING (AMBASSADORS PLUS ONE) AFTERNOON  
SEPTEMBER 1 TO DISCUSS PAPER (SEPTTEL NOTAL) ON THE EFFECT OF  
US EMBARGO ON TURKEY'S MILITARY POSTURE IN NATO. ATTENDEES  
WILL BE ALL PERMREPS EXCEPT FRENCH, GREEK, AND PORTUGUESE.

2. SYG HAS ALSO CALLED PRIVATE MEETING (AMBASSADORS PLUS  
ONE) AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 4 TO DISCUSS ASSESSMENT (REFTELS)  
OF MILITARY IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO OF TURKISH SUSPENSION OF  
US BASE OPERATIONS IN TURKEY. ATTENDEES WILL BE ALL PERMREPS  
EXCEPT PORTUGUESE.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF REF A AND INITIATIVE SYG HAS TAKEN  
IN SCHEDULING SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING, WE PLAN NO EFFORT TO  
DEFER PERMREPS' DISCUSSION OF ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH SUSPEN-  
SION OF US BASE OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING  
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WILL NOT BE A NAC SESSION, SINCE PORTUGAL WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED AND NO FORMAL NAC ACTION THUS CAN BE TAKEN ON PAPER.  
WE EXPECT ONLY GENERALIZED EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT  
IMPACT OF SUSPENSION. WHILE PRIVACY OF MEETING IS IN PART

INTENDED, WE UNDERSTAND, TO LIMIT ATTENDANCE, IT WILL ALSO  
LIKELY HELP CUSHION ANY GREEK-TURK POLEMICS. WE WILL, OF  
COURSE, REPORT FULLY BUT DOUBT THAT FURTHER INFORMAL  
EXPERESSIONS OF CONCERN BY ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES, ECHOING  
LUNS' EARLIER POBLIC STATEMENTS, WILL BE HELPFUL WITH  
CONGRESS IN CONNECTION WITH EFFORTS TO LIFT EMBARGO. MORE-  
OVER, SYG HAS PLACED CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON PRIVACY AND  
SENSITIVITY OF THESE MEETINGS AND WE THUS RECOMMEND CAUTION  
IN REFERRING TO THEM. END COMMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECDEF.BRUCE

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